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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ITEM ON HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN
ROMANIA

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1. NEW YORK TIMES ON FEBRUARY 1 PUBLISHED LETTER DATED SEP-
TEMBER 10, 1977 FROM KAROLY KIRALY, FORMER ALTERNATE MEMBER
OF POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FIRST SECRETARY OF
COVASNA JUDET WHO IS NOW VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF
WORKERS OF HUNGARIAN NATIONALITY. KAROLY'S LETTER, ADDRESS-
ED TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER JANOS VINCZE, CLAIMS THAT
DESPITE PROMISING SIGNS IN 1971, ROMANIA'S NATIONALITY
POLICY HAS SWUNG TOWARD FORCEFUL ASSIMILATION AND THAT
PRESENT PRACTICES VIOLATE THE ROMANIAN CONSTITUTION AND THE
PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WAS FOUND-
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ED. KIRALY COMPLAINS OF REDUCTIONS IN OPPORTUNITIES TO
STUDY IN THE HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE AT ALL LEVELS; ELIMINATION
OF HUNGARIAN-LANGUAGE SIGNS IDENTIFYING LOCATIONS, STREETS
AND BUILDINGS; OFFICIAL DISCOURAGEMENT OF THE USE OF
HUNGARIAN IN PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
HUNGARIANS IN ASSIGNMENTS TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POSI-
TIONS.

2. KIRALY CLAIMS PARTY ORGANS AT ALL LEVELS OBSTINATELY IGNORE THESE PROBLEMS. HE LAYS THE BLAME NOT ON ROMANIAN SOCIETY OR THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM BUT ON THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, COMMENTING, "WE MUST RENOUNCE POLICIES BASED ON DEMAGOGY, THE PERSONALITY CULT AND THE CAPRICIOUS APPLICATION OF MARXISM".

3. KIRALY'S LETTER, SAID TO BE THE THIRD HE HAS WRITTEN TO HIGH-RANKING ROMANIAN COMMUNIST OFFICIALS, WAS GIVEN TO THE TIMES AND TRANSLATED BY LASZLO HAMOS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA, WHO IS SAID TO BELIEVE THAT KIRALY'S ARREST IS IMMINENT.

4. FOR BUCHAREST: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF LETTER'S AUTHENTICITY AND LIKELY ROMANIAN REACTION TO ITS PUBLICATION, AS WELL AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON KIRALY AND HIS PRESENT STATUS.

5. FULL TEXT IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO ADDRESSEES VIA USINFO CABLE. VANCE

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